

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 8:00
2 p.m. via Zoom.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

5 Joy Chambers
6 Grant Chavez
7 Anne Linton
8 Gary Smith
9 Gary Woodward, Chair
10 Scott Zeidler

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12 **STAFF PRESENT**

13 Bill Ince, City Council Liaison
14 Michael Higginson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor
15 Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder
16 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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18 **DETERMINATION STATEMENT**

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20 Gary Woodward read the Determination Letter in accordance with Utah Code 52-4-207(4)
21 of the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act that states according to the COVID-19 pandemic, the
22 meeting may be held electronically.

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24 **APPOINT COMMITTEE CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR FOR 2022**

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26 Anne Linton made a **motion** to nominate Gary Woodward as Chair of the Centerville City
27 Tree Board. Gary Smith seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).

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29 Joy Chambers made a **motion** to nominate Anne Linton as Co-Chair of the Centerville City
30 Tree Board. Grant Chavez seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).

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32 Anne Linton reported she has been trying to recruit a new member to fill the vacancy on
33 the Tree Board, but the person she had in mind is not able to serve at this time. Tree Board members
34 will continue to try and recruit one more person to fill the vacancy.

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36 **REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE**

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38 Tree Board meetings will continue to be held on the third Wednesday of each month at
39 8:00 p.m.

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41 Scott Zeigler made a **motion** to approve the 2022 Annual Meeting Schedule of the
42 Centerville Tree Board as written. Anne Linton seconded the motion, which was passed by
43 unanimous vote (6-0).

WEBPAGE UPDATE

Gary Smith reported the pruning and watering guidelines that were on the webpage last year can still be used on the webpage this year. Mr. Smith will send the guidelines to each Tree Board member for their approval. Bryce King is responsible for the city website, and Jennifer Hansen will talk to him to see if the pruning guidelines were archived. Gary Woodward met with Bryce King and discussed the Tree Board webpage and other social media webpages. Mr. King is willing to put items on the city media pages for the Tree Board. The Tree Board discussed a purpose statement that could be on the webpage. Gary Smith put a mission statement on the tree list that he compiled two years ago that could also be used as the purpose statement.

Bill Ince, City Council Liaison, said the main issues from the City Council are:

1. Trees in park strips and guidance with regards to trees in park strips.
2. Centerville applied and was approved as a Tree City USA member. One of the requirements is to have a group attached to the city to provide modifications to plant trees and provide information on trees.
3. Centerville has significant air quality problems, and the purpose of the Tree Board is to give understanding of the benefits of trees, which is critical to improve air quality.

Bill Ince said there are trees that are more appropriate than others, but what are the trees that will work best in Centerville and are easy to maintain, especially with our water issues. Gary Smith will send the pruning guidelines he has to Gary Woodward for approval, and then they will be posted on the Tree Board webpage.

Gary Woodward reported he talked with Bryce King about posting the Tree of the Month on the webpage, but this will be postponed until spring when people start planting. The Tree Board discussed various trees that could be featured as Tree of the Month. The trees are: Japanese Silk Tree, Catalpa Tree, Zelkova Tree, Arizona Cypress, and the Columnar Oak Tree. The Tree of the Month will start in March and end in November. A brief description will be given of the tree on Instagram and Facebook with a link to the webpage if people want more information.

Jennifer Hansen displayed the current webpage for the Tree Board, which still has the pruning and watering guidelines. There is also a small mission statement on the website. Tree Board members were asked to review the website and be prepared to discuss any changes that need to be made at the next meeting.

WATERING ISSUES

Gary Smith reported the drought is still going to be a major problem this year and possibly next year too. Watering guidelines need to be addressed. Bill Ince said there is an organization of cities around the State of Utah that also represent Centerville as a lobby group. This organization is working on how to conserve water. The Great Salt Lake is going to be a major issue, and people are struggling on what to do with water conservation. Gary Woodward said the Tree Board came up with watering guidelines last year, and those practices need to remain in place.

1 Bill Ince, City Council Liaison, reported the State is looking for a definition of non-functional
2 grass that can be legislated. There are several municipalities that have code provisions that limit
3 the amount of grass a residence can have. There is a push to have grass removed from parking
4 strips. Grant Chavez said Salt Lake City was awarded federal money to have citizens remove trees
5 that are hazardous after the wind storm in 2020. Gary Woodward said federal money was given to
6 Centerville to plant trees at parks. Scott Zeidler said there is a potential for people to convert park
7 strips to waterwise landscapes. It is not known if this would come through the irrigation company.
8 Another idea is to use metering on irrigation water. Any money that would be given to remove
9 grass from park strips would come from the irrigation company, not the city. Mr. Zeidler said he
10 will research if the Bountiful City Landfill will turn trees into mulch and green waste.

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12 This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

13 ARBOR DAY

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16 Mayor Wilkinson will declare May as Arbor Month in Centerville. The Tree Board
17 discussed the Tree Tour that was held last year, and agreed they would like to do something similar
18 this year. Joy Chambers said she would like to involve the four elementary schools in Centerville.
19 The student councils of these schools are looking for service projects they can do in the
20 community. The Tree Board discussed having the student councils research trees and the benefits
21 of trees, and report their findings to the Tree Board. Students could create pictures of trees, and
22 then have them displayed on the webpage. Mike Higginson said there is a need for trees at the
23 Smith Park, and students from Centerville Elementary could plant trees there. Joy Chambers will
24 approach the student councils at the four elementary schools and organize the Tree Tour. Scott
25 Zeidler will research the trees which were on the Tree Tour last year, and see what trees should be
26 on the tour this year.

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28 This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

29 MINUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE

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32 Minutes of the August 18, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Chair Gary Woodward made a
33 **motion** to approve the minutes as written. Grant Chavez seconded the motion, which was
34 passed by unanimous vote (6-0).

35 NEXT MEETING

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38 The next Tree Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

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42 At 9:30 p.m., Joy Chambers made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Grant Chavez
43 seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).

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Jennifer Hansen
Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder

2-17-2022
Date Approved

Connie Larson
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

